

## 5.9. MOSSMAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

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### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. Provides Mossman State High School with \$500 (GST Exc) sponsorship as Gold Sponsor of the Awards Presentation on 17 November 2021; and
2. Delegates authority under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any and all matters associated with the above.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mossman State High School is seeking sponsorship from Council for the Annual Presentation of Awards to be held 17 November 2021.

Under Council's Grants, Donations and Sponsorship General Policy [https://douglas.qld.gov.au/download/policies/Grants-Donations-Sponsorship-General-Policy\\_2.pdf](https://douglas.qld.gov.au/download/policies/Grants-Donations-Sponsorship-General-Policy_2.pdf) schools are ineligible for grants, donations and sponsorships.

This report seeks Council's support for the school's request.

### BACKGROUND

Mossman State High School conducts an annual Awards Presentation acknowledging and celebrating students' academic, cultural and sporting achievements; and outstanding leadership and citizenship.

In 2019 and 2020 Douglas Shire Council has financially supported these awards as a gold sponsor.

The event will be held during school hours and it is anticipated that family, friends and the community will be invited to attend, subject to the Chief Health Officer's advice at the time. The official program will be emailed to parents and photos from the event will be included in the school newsletter.

### COMMENT

Event sponsors will be acknowledged in the program as follows:

- Bronze – less than \$200
- Silver – less than \$500
- Gold - \$500 and over

In the attached letter of request, the School acknowledges Council's generous support in the past and understands many businesses suffering financially due to the impacts of COVID-19 may not be able to provide sponsorship this year.

Over many years Mossman State High School's Concert Band staff and students have assisted Council, volunteering their time to rehearse and play music at annual Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day civic functions.

## PROPOSAL

The proposal is for Council to:

1. Provide Mossman State High School with \$500 (GST Exc) as Gold Sponsor of the Awards Presentation on 17 November 2021; and
2. Delegate authority under section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any and all matters associated with the above.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

This amount of sponsorship has been set aside in the 2021-22 Operational Budget for People & Community Services.

## RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The risk of granting sponsorships to recipients' ineligible under Council's general grants program is that of setting a precedent for other ineligible applicants to apply for funding and would be in breach with Council's policy and the Local Government Act. This risk is mitigated by assessing all applicants equally against consistency with Council's corporate and operational objectives and strategies.

## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

**Economic:** Nil

**Environmental:** Nil

**Social:** Supports the celebration of academic, arts and sporting achievements of students from the Mossman State High School.

## CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### Corporate Plan 2019-2024 Initiatives:

#### Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

Douglas Shire Council embraces the diversity of our communities and values the contribution that all people make to the Shire. We recognise that it is a core strength of the region. We acknowledge our past so that it may guide us in the future. We recognise the wrongs done to our Indigenous community and we actively seek to reconcile so that we may all benefit from and enjoy our Shire. We acknowledge early European settlers who forged an agricultural base for our economy and we welcome all new arrivals as part of our broader community.

**Goal 4** - We will promote arts and cultural programs and events that bring vibrancy to the community and compliment the tourist experience.

## **COUNCIL'S ROLE**

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

**Funder** Council often partly funds services, events or community organisations through grants, donations, subsidies and in-kind support. Council will apply robust governance to ensure that such funding is fair and appropriate.

## **CONSULTATION**

**Internal:** Nil

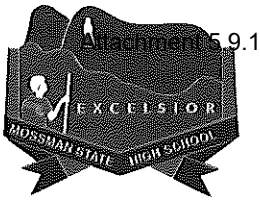
**External:** Nil

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Nil

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Request sponsorship for 2021 Annual Presentation of Awards night on 17 Nov 2021 by Moss State High [5.9.1 - 1 page]



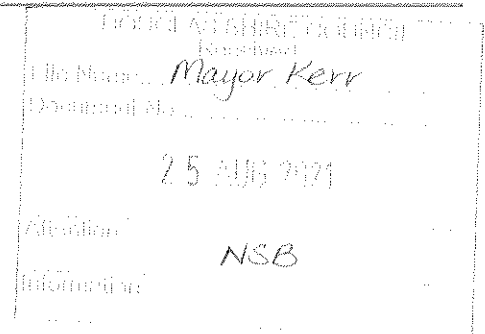
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20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Mr M Kerr  
Douglas Shire Council  
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MOSSMAN Q 4873



Dear Michael

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, we are staging our Annual Presentation of Awards. On this prestigious occasion we celebrate the achievements of students who have excelled in academic, cultural and sporting areas of their school life. We also use this opportunity to recognise outstanding leadership and citizenship demonstrated by students throughout the year.

The 2021 Annual Presentation of Awards will be held during school hours. The official program will be emailed to parents and photos from the event will be included in the school newsletter. It is anticipated at this stage that you will be invited to attend, subject to the Chief Health Officer's advice at the time.

We are very appreciative of your generous support in the past. Due to the impacts of COVID, we understand that many businesses have suffered financially, therefore we understand that you may not be able to provide sponsorship this year.

If you would still like to provide sponsorship for 2021 you will be acknowledged in the official program for the event as Gold, Silver or Bronze.

Bronze – donations less than \$200  
Silver – donations less than \$500  
Gold – donations \$500 and over

Please contact me at the school if you wish to discuss any details.

Thank you for supporting Mossman State High School.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Lyons  
Principal